

[English]

Shortage of Power in Kerala

280. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Union Government are aware of about the major Power cut in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the percentage of power cut during last one year till date;
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to overcome the crisis;
- (d) the details of power projects submitted by the Government of Kerala and the target date of their clearance;
- (e) whether the Government propose to clear Pooyamkutty project and Power Generation Projects; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) has

imposed 100% power cut in all EHT industries with effect from 9.6.1997. The power cut on HT and LT industries is 75% w.e.f. 12.6.1997. Now KSEB has relaxed power cut from 100% to 70% on all EHT industries from 1.7.1997.

(b) Details of power cuts in Kerala during last one year (July 1996 to June 1997) are given in the Statement attached.

(c) The Central Government has increased allocation of power of Kerala from 15% unallocated central sector generation in Southern Region from the level of 30% in May, 1997 to 50% on 12.6.1997. It was further increased to 65% on 1.7.1997.

(d) Only one project (Adirapally HEP – 2 x 80 MW) submitted to Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has been cleared on 22.4.1996 subject to approval by Ministry of Environment and Forest. No other project is pending with CEA. However, seven schemes received from Kerala have been returned for want of various inputs like fuel and transport linkage.

(e) and (f) The Ministry of Environment and Forest has constituted a Committee in October, 1996 for indepth analysis of Pooyamkutty Hydro Electric Project. The Committee is yet to give its report.

Statement

The details of power cut in Kerala during the last one year (July 1996 to June 1997) are as follows :

Period	Detail of energy cut/power cut
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July, 1996 till date	Half an hour cyclic load shedding during evening peak hours from 1830 Hrs. to 2130 Hrs. throughout the year.
July, 1996	Power cut on HT consumers – 70% from 27.6.1996.
	Energy cut on HT consumers – 50% from 15.6.1997.
August, 1996	Energy cut on HT consumers – 30% from 1.8.1996.
September to December, 1996	Energy cut on HT and EHT consumers – 30%.
January, 1997	Energy cut of 30% on EHT and HT consumers having more than 10 KW load from 1.1.1997.
February and March, 1997	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Energy cut of 30% on EHT and LT non-domestic consumers having more than 100 KVA load from 1.8.1996. 2. Energy cut of 30% on LT industrial consumers having connected load above 10 KW from 15.1.1997.

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April and May, 1997

1. Energy cut of 50% on EHT, HT and LT non-domestic consumers having than 100 KVA load from 18.3.1997.
2. Energy cut of 50% on LT industrial consumers having connected load above 10 KW from 18.3.1997.

June, 1997

1. Energy cut of 30% on EHT and LT non-domestic and commercial consumers having more than 100 KVA load upto 8.6.1996.
2. Energy cut of 100% on EHT, HT and LT consumers having connected load above 10 KW from from 9.6.1997 which has reduced to 75% on HT and LT consumers from 17.6.1997 and to 70% on all EHT industries from 1.7.1997.

Linking of International Airports with Railway Stations

281. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :

KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO :

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to link the International Airports of all the major cities with the nearest railway station;

(b) if so, whether the Railways are planning to open booking offices at the Airports in order to mitigate the inconvenience being faced by the foreign tourists;

(c) if so, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Railways have special quota for passengers paying in hard currency and the country's airports are expected to aid optimum utilisation of berths set aside for foreign tourists; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Computerised reservation counters are available at the Delhi and Madras airports. Manual reservation facilities alongwith quotas in some selected trains have been provided at Calcutta airport. There is no other proposal under consideration.

(d) and (e) Depending upon the requirement, a few berths in various trains have been earmarked as Foreign Tourist Quota which is allotted to foreign tourists paying

in hard currency. With the provision of computerised reservation facility at airports, the utilisation of this quota is likely to pick up.

Installation of Heating System at AIR, Leh

282. SHRI P. NAMGAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the time by when the heating system of AIR, Leh was installed and the name of the Company to whom the contract was awarded;

(b) whether the system was non-functional from the day when it was supposed to be made functional;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the contractor was paid amount without commissioning the heating system;

(e) if so, the details of the payment made therefor, and the officer held responsible for making full payment to contractor; and

(f) the action taken against the guilty officials ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) The heating system of AIR, Leh Transmitter was installed in October, 1991. The equipment of Heating Plant was supplied by M/s Delta T. Systems.

The Heating system at studios of AIR, Leh was installed in November, 1983 and the plant was supplied by M/s Bluestar Ltd.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.